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PRESIDENT'S CORNER / Mary Elizabeth Clack

With spring approaching, we are engaging in our final preparations for the sixth annual conference. I will be travelling to Trinity University on April 4th to meet with our Local Arrangements Committee and the Trinity Conference Director. I am anxious to hear about their work firsthand. I have just learned that over 50 applications were received in response to our Library Science Student Grant Program. We are looking forward to hosting the students who are selected at the conference.

One word about the perils of timely conference publicity. This was the first year we distributed conference information via e-mail and we thank Ann Okerson for her efforts. We realize though that innovations exact a price: this speedy form of communication should be followed by receipt of our registration packet. Next year we will improve on this aspect of our organizational communication and we appreciate your patience.

At the time of this writing you will have received the Bylaws ballots and we encourage you to vote on the proposals. Elections have been closed and we await the outcome---our

thanks to all those who agreed to run for office this year.

Lastly, I am pleased to announce that Executive Board member Elaine Rast will be our official representative at the annual UKSG conference at York University in mid-April. Elaine will present a paper on "Key Issues in Serials in the United States" and has been working diligently on this presentation in the midst of all her other professional commitments. Elaine's report on the conference will appear in the next NASIG Newsletter.

Hope to see many of you in San Antonio for what promises to be an exciting and valuable conference.

NASIG CONTINUING EDUCATION WORKSHOP / Julie Gammon

A NASIG Continuing Education Workshop will be co-sponsored by Ohionet and presented Friday, May 17, 1991 in Columbus, Ohio. The panel will consist of Buzzy Basch, Consultant, Basch Associates, Tina Feick, Serials Specialist Blackwell's Periodicals Division, Julia Gammon, Head, Acquisitions Department University of Akron, John Tagler, Director, Corporate Communications, Elsevier Science Publishing. Those people interested in attending

should register with the Ohionet office at 1-800-686-8975.

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NASIG 1991 ELECTION RESULTS / Bobbie Carlson

The NASIG Nominations and Elections Committee is pleased to announce the results of the 1991 election. With 950 ballots mailed and 410 returned ballots postmarked by March 15, 1991, the official results are as follows:

Vice President/President Elect:
Teresa Malinowski (Serials Coordinator, California State University, Fullerton)

Treasurer:
Ann Vidor (Head, Catalog Dept., Emory University)

Executive Board Members-at-Large:

Sylvia Martin (Head, Serial Services, Vanderbilt University)

Elaine Rast (Head, Cataloging and Automated Records Department, Northern Illinois University)

Dan Tonkery (President and CEO, Readmore, Inc.)

To those NASIGers who participated by returning your ballots, you can honestly say that your vote made a difference in some very close vote counts. We thank everyone who ran for office, and wish the elected/re-elected Board members good times ahead.

Committee members: Bobbie Carlson (Chair), Jamie Hurley, Kit Kennedy, Kathy Meneely, John Tagler, Bill Tiffany
Board Liaison:
Rosanna O'Neil
Committee Consultant:
Tina Feick

MINUTES OF THE NASIG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Date, Time, & Place: 11 January, 1991, 2-5:30 p.m., Swiss Grand Hotel, Bellanzona Room, Chicago

Attending:
M.B. Clack, President
A. Okerson, V. President
A. Vidor, Treasurer
T. Malinowski, Secretary
R. Presley, Past President
J. Callaghan
C. Hepfer
S. Martin
R. O'Neil
E. Rast
M. Saxe
B. Scanlan

1.0 Finance Committee

1.1 Treasurer's Report

Vidor distributed financial statements for the Brock Conference and for the year ending 1990. She reported that NASIG is financially sound and ended the year with a balance of \$50,050.87. Receipts from the Brock Conference totaled \$21,433.78. Vidor was asked to submit the conference financial statement for publication in the next Newsletter. [Ed.'s note: Published in previous issue of the Newsletter]

Vidor reported of the 934 members only 222 members have not returned their renewals. Reminders will be sent during the next month.

Vidor asked the Board to consider upgrading the Quicken software currently

used to maintain financial records. The Board agreed to purchase two copies of Quicken 4.0 software. One copy will be purchased for the Treasurer and a second will be purchased for the Database Manager.

Clack noted that Joan Luke Stephens will continue to serve as database manager next year and that \$500.00 was budgeted for staffing to assist her in maintaining the database.

1.2 Budget

Presley presented a proposed budget for 1991. Projected expenditures for the coming year total \$23,440.00. After a short discussion the Board approved the budget pending final figures for the Newsletter budget.

1.3 Reserve Update

NASIG was advised by its tax accountant to consider investing a portion of its reserve funds. Presley reported that he will be meeting with an investment advisor next week to discuss long-term investment opportunities. Presley will submit a formal proposal to the Board for consideration.

1.4 Insurance Update

Clack reported that our current insurance policy will not be renewed and a new provider needs to be selected. Carol Patrick (Cleveland State University) set up the original policy and has handled the renewals. The Board expressed its appreciation of her efforts.

The Board agreed that a new policy should be established within the next two months. Clack noted that the lack of a home office with a permanent address was a continuing source of concern each time the policy was renewed. The Board agreed that a national company should be selected. Vidor will ask Judy Luther to investigate providers and prepare a proposal. Okerson suggested that the services of an association management company be explored.

1.5 1990 Tax Preparation

The Board agreed to continue to employ Mr. R. Bellew, C.P.A. to prepare the 1990 tax statement. T. Feick will serve as liaison for tax preparation this year.

2.0 Brock 1990

At the 1990 November meeting the Board agreed to acknowledge the support and generosity shown by Brock University by making a donation to the University. Clack reported that she had received a response from James Hogan, University Librarian at Brock, concerning the donation. Hogan suggested that in lieu of a donation to the University the Board consider using the funds as an honorarium for a distinguished speaker or as an award to a "deserving newcomer to the library profession." The Board expressed its appreciation of Brock University's continuing efforts to support NASIG activities. After a short discussion the Board agreed to

use the funds as seed money for an endowment fund for student grants.

3.0 Trinity 1991

3.1 Conference Fee

Malinowski presented a report from the Task Force to Finalize Trinity Costs. She noted that Kathy Soupiset and Danny Jones had successfully negotiated a single charge for liquor which helped reduce the conference budget. The Task Force recommended the following fees be charged for the Trinity Conference: \$250.00 for single room accommodations; \$225.00 for double room accommodations; \$150.00 for commuters. The Task Force also gathered additional information about liquor costs and forwarded it to M.B. Clack for consideration. Clack reported that the Conference Director has agreed to reduce liquor costs. Members who served on the Task Force include: Kathy Soupiset (Trinity University), Danny Jones (University of Texas at San Antonio Health Science Center), Tina Feick (Blackwell's), and Teresa Malinowski (California State University, Fullerton).

3.2 Local Arrangements Report

Clack presented a report from Kathy Soupiset and Danny Jones, co-chairs of the Trinity Local Arrangements Committee. The report included an entertainment schedule and information about the various social events and tours being considered.

The Board expressed its appreciation for the work done by the committee. Clack will be meeting with the committee in San Antonio in March or April. She noted the committee is considering having the conference opening outdoors. Speakers at the opening will include the vice-president of Trinity University and the campus art historian. A number of questions were raised regarding seating and acoustics which Clack agreed to discuss with the committee.

3.3 Association Travel

Clack reported that she received information from Association Travel concerning the services the company will provide for the Trinity Conference. Association Travel, Inc. will offer discounts on flights booked with American or Delta airlines. An announcement provided by the company will be published in the next Newsletter. [Ed.'s note: Published in previous issue of the Newsletter] Clack noted that Association Travel will not restrict bookings and conference attendees can use the agency to book flights on all airlines.

3.4 Program

Okerson distributed the final program for the plenary sessions. She noted that an overall theme of "A Changing World" was developed. The Saturday sessions will focus on "Changing Technologies," the Sunday sessions on "Changing Information Worldwide," and the Monday sessions on "Strategies and Responses."

Okerson reported that Cindy Hepfer and October Ivins developed the workshop segment of the program. Hepfer reported that eighteen workshops will be offered and attendees will once again have the opportunity to select four workshops. A variety of workshops will be presented including: four on cataloging, four on automation, four case studies of journals, three on acquisitions, two on public services aspects, and one on job-seeking strategies. The Board was delighted with the program and expressed its appreciation for the work done by the committee.

Okerson asked the Board to consider speaker and workshop fees. After a short discussion the Board agreed to waive the registration fee for plenary session speakers (approximately 1/2 are not NASIG members) and to reduce the fee for workshop leaders by one half.

Okerson reported that efforts to publicize the conference will include sending program announcements to a number of print journals and newsletters. Information about the program will also be posted on various electronic bulletin boards and e-mail networks. Saxe agreed to contact NASIG liaisons to other professional organizations and involve them in conference publicity efforts.

Clack reported that Bonnie Postlethwaite (Tufts University) will again coordinate the audiovisual aspects of the conference. Susan Davis (SUNY at

Buffalo) will be assisting her.

3.5 Schedule for Committee and Business Meetings

Clack noted that NASIG committees and informal discussion groups will meet during the conference. Informal discussion groups will be scheduled during one of the "free times." Due to the limited time available, the possibility of having breakfast or lunchtime committee meetings was discussed. The annual business meeting will be scheduled during the conference; committee chairs will be asked to give short reports.

3.6 Role of the Board at the Conference

Clack reported that the Local Arrangements Committee is planning a short orientation for Board members on Thursday evening prior to the start of the Conference. The Committee plans to develop a master schedule for the registration and information desks. Board members are welcome to volunteer. The Committee asked if Board members would prefer to spend time on Friday in the hospitality area greeting attendees and speakers.

4.0 Site Selection 1992

4.1 SSP Update

Okerson reported on her discussions with Bob Shirrell, President-Elect of the Society for Scholarly Publishing. The Society is very interested in working with NASIG on a

joint program in 1992. SSP is scheduled to meet in Chicago during the week of June 15th. The proposed plan would have NASIG and SSP (and possibly the American Association of University Presses (AAUP)) share a one-day joint program. Okerson noted that the University of Illinois at Chicago, the proposed site of the NASIG conference in Chicago, has the facilities to accommodate a joint meeting. She also noted that program planning would need to begin shortly.

4.2 Selection Decision

The Board agreed that both Chicago and Massachusetts offer attractive sites for the 1992 conference. A number of Board members voiced concerns about the proposed conference dates in Chicago, noting that perhaps the dates were too close to ALA. The possibility of starting the conference on Friday was discussed. A number of members felt that the opportunity to share a program with SSP should be taken. A vote was taken and the majority chose Chicago as the 1992 site with the understanding that a joint program with SSP will be developed. Clack noted that the Massachusetts sites will be available in 1993. The Board agreed to select one of the Massachusetts sites for the 1993 conference.

5.0 Archives

Rast reported that she has reviewed the materials received to date and is ready to send

appropriate materials to the archives at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is awaiting materials from Feick, Presley, and Vidor, and will review them once they arrive.

6.0 Reports from Board Liaisons

6.1 Bylaws Committee

Martin presented guidelines developed by the Committee which define steps and a timetable for the amendment process. After a short discussion the Board agreed that bylaw changes should be presented to the membership on an annual basis. The guidelines were approved with minor revisions. Noting that a number of revisions have been proposed, the Board asked the Committee to begin the revision process. The Board also expressed its appreciation of the work done by the Committee. Those members include: Martin Gordon, Chair (Franklin & Marshall College), Joyce Tenney (University of Maryland-Baltimore County), and David Winchester (Washburn University).

6.2 Continuing Education

Martin reported that a continuing education workshop on serials, serials publishing, and serial vendors was given at Louisiana State University. Plans also are under way for the presentation of a preconference workshop on binding at the Texas Library Association Conference. The Committee also is developing

ideas for programs to reach out to library school students. Clack noted that Bonnie Postlethwaite will be completing her term as chair of the Committee. A suggestion to have co-chairs of the Committee was noted and will be considered for next year.

6.3 Student Grant Committee

Vidor reported that the Committee is on schedule and will be sending information about the 1991 grant program to the library schools. This year the Committee identified a contact person at each library school to help promote the grant program. On behalf of the Committee, Vidor asked the Board to approve the awarding of six grants. The Board approved the request with a provision stating if travel costs are exceptionally high this year, the number of grants may have to be reduced.

6.4 Nominations and Elections

6.4.1 Officer's Position Descriptions

Martin reported on her efforts to develop position descriptions which will be sent to nominees. She thanked the Board members for their assistance with the project. The position descriptions will be included in a manual which is being developed.

6.4.2 Slate of Candidates

Clack asked the Board to consider the slate of candidates for the 1991 election. Clack noted that in developing the

slate of candidates the Nominations Committee has refined the process and took into account the need for representation of our varied constituencies on the Board. The Board approved the slate and expressed its appreciation for the work done by the Committee. Committee members included: Bobbie Carlson, Chair (Medical University of South Carolina), Jamie Hurley (Innovative Interfaces, Inc.), Kit Kennedy (Readmore, Inc.), Kathy Meneely (Cleveland Health Sciences Library), John Tagler (Elsevier Science Publishing Co.), and Bill Tiffany (Memorial University of Newfoundland).

6.5 Professional Liaisons

Saxe reported that two new liaisons have been appointed. Cecilia Kwan (University of California, Davis) will serve as liaison to the American Association of Law Libraries and Mary Helms (Washington University School of Medicine) will serve as liaison to the Medical Library Association. The Board agreed that a liaison to the Society for Scholarly Publishing should be appointed.

6.6 Regional Councils

Malinowski reported that copies of the new membership brochure have been sent to all regional coordinators, provincial/state representatives and Executive Board members. The Committee is exploring ways to attract more publishers and asked the Board to consider three suggestions.

The Board approved the purchase of a membership list from the Society of Scholarly Publishing and asked Malinowski to contact SSP. The Board also asked Malinowski to contact Ann Weller, Chair of the Professional Liaison Committee, and coordinate efforts to contact publishers.

6.7 Publications

6.7.1 Newsletter

Callaghan reported that the deadline for submissions to the February Newsletter would be extended to January 15th. She noted that the Committee is reviewing the publications schedule. Callaghan presented two new layouts for the Newsletter. Members agreed that the three column format was the more attractive and should be used in the next issue.

6.7.2 Proceedings

Clack noted that Rosanna O'Neil (Penn State University) had prepared the indexing for the 1990 proceedings and thanked her for her efforts.

Clack reported that the Publications Committee is currently reviewing applications for the position of co-editors for the 1992 proceedings and will be contacting candidates in the near future. The Committee has sent out a request for bids to publish the 1992 proceedings. Okerson noted that publication of the 1992 proceedings will need to be discussed with SSP. Okerson

asked if NASIG should consider handling the publication of the proceedings. Scanlan noted that approximately 80-100 hours of preparation is needed prior to printing. A Task Force will be formed to explore the idea.

6.7.3 Directory

Presley announced that copies of the directory were mailed with the November/December 1990 issue of the Newsletter. The Board expressed its appreciation of the work done by the group. Members commented on the revised layout, the addition of indexes, and other information. The following members helped produce the 1990 directory: David C. Anderson (University of California, Davis), Frances L. Chen (University of Arizona), Beverly Geer-Butler (Ohio State University), Joan Luke Stephens (Georgia State University), Daphne Miller (Wright State University School of Medicine), Roger Presley (Georgia State University), Judith Rieke (Vanderbilt University), Judith Morton Shelton (Georgia State University). Presley noted that the group received special assistance from James Stephens. The Board agreed to express its appreciation and approved an honorarium for Stephens. Presley offered to purchase a gift certificate and Vidor agreed to draft a letter of thanks.

6.8 Site Selection

Hepfer reported that she is continuing work on the site selection manual and is

incorporating documents received from the Brock Committee.

7.0 UKSG Update

Clack reported that she has been asked to present a paper at the UKSG meeting at York University in April. She noted that she is finalizing plans to attend the conference, but if she is unable to attend she will ask Okerson to go in her place.

8.0 Update on Strategic Planning

Clack reported that she, Hepfer, and Okerson will draft a survey and mail it to Board members for their approval in the Spring.

9.0 Volunteers

The Board agreed that a call for volunteers should appear in the next Newsletter. Volunteers are needed to serve on standing committees, on the 1992 program committee, and on a task force to explore a NASIG e-mail network.

I F L A T R A V E L ARRANGEMENTS

Information about travel arrangements (hotels, tours, visas, etc.) for the IFLA Conference is available. The conference will be held in Moscow, USSR, August 18-24, 1991. For more information, contact Jean Callaghan, Serials Librarian, Wheaton College, Norton, MA 02766. 508-285-7722 x530. BITNET: JCALL@WHEATNMA.

COALITION FOR NETWORKED INFORMATION MEETING SUMMARY / Vicky Reich, Stanford University

The Pricing Crisis, Setting a CNI Agenda
March 3-5, Monterey, California

The Coalition for Networked Information (representing ARL, CAUSE and EDUCOM) has over 130 institutional members, mostly major universities but including some publishers and other information providers. The work of the coalition is for the most part conducted by seven task groups.

At this meeting, three of those task groups came together to work on their common agenda. Attendance was by invitation of the leaders of the three groups: Karen Hunter, Elsevier, Chair, Commercial publishing; Peter Lyman, University of Southern California, Chair, Noncommercial publishing; Clifford Lynch, University of California, Chair, Systems and Architecture, and was limited to 40 people. The attendees were librarians, economists, commercial and noncommercial publishers, university administrators and technical system experts.

At the conference four major points emerged:
(1) the possibility of new economic models for scholarly publishing,
(2) the complex relationship

between new (electronic) and old (paper) methods of information distribution, (3) the unpredictability of the possible end states of electronic publishing, and (4) the convergence of the agendas of the three working groups.

Key to the pricing of information is the form of distribution, and the economics that drive supply and demand within those forms.

Roger Noll and Ed Steinmuller of Stanford University are developing new economic models of the costs and values driving the economics of scholarly publishing. In their models, circulation is a primary determinant of journal pricing, not number of pages. Their models seem to be validated by the preliminary data they have been able to analyze.

Presentations were heard from editors who supported the idea that new and old methods of distribution are complimentary and serve different roles. Currently, for instance, the need for archiving information and for disseminating information are merged in a single mechanism, the scholarly journal, confounding many issues. Separating the issues associated with these two functions may help to sharpen and extend the development of possible future scenarios for electronic publishing.

Radically different possible economic futures for electronic publishing were proposed and discussed. A flat-priced national site license would

centralize control, but does not address distribution and resale and cost recovery issues. Alternatively, pricing could be based on demand or perceived value, with articles by Nobel Prize winners costing more than those by Assistant Professors; libraries could use this service to provide access to low use items or sophisticated front ends could provide easy direct patron access.

Pricing and access might be differential by discipline; a report by an American Physical Association committee recommends the development of a comprehensive physics literature database, available through high speed networks and with sophisticated access and manipulation software. Finally, a segmented model of distribution methods (using combinations of paper and electronic media at various points in the communication and archival process) would reflect further fragmentation of information pricing and access, with the same information accessed differently and priced differently.

The conference concluded with the clear consensus that new economic models are needed in publishing, and that this is a possibility for CNI involvement. In particular, new models are needed for the distribution of information, and these models should be developed and validated in sufficient detail that they can be used to study and react to the implications of each.

ALCTS OFFERS BUSINESS OF ACQUISITIONS REGIONAL INSTITUTE

The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, a division of the American Library Association (ALA), will present a regional institute on the Business of Acquisitions on June 6 and 8, 1991 at Emmanuel College in Boston, Mass. Registrations will be accepted until May 1 and are limited to 120 persons.

The institute is organized by the ALCTS Resources Section Acquisitions Committee, and is cosponsored by the New England Technical Services Librarians (a division of the New England Library Association) and by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) New England Chapter.

It is directed toward new acquisitions librarians and those interested in an update on new methods and developments. The institute will focus on basic acquisitions of monographs, serials, and other library resources, and on the relationships among librarians, library booksellers, subscription agents and publishers.

The program will include presentations and panel discussions on publishing, bookselling, ethics, and automated acquisitions, as well as sessions on specific aspects of acquisitions, such as approval plans, vendor evaluation, serials control, out-of-print ordering and copyright. There will be

opportunities for group discussions and questions.

The registration fee is \$125 for ALCTS, ACRL-NE, and New England Technical Services Librarians members, \$160 for ALA personal members, and \$195 for non-ALA members.

For more information, contact Yvonne McLean. Telephone: 800-545-2433, ext.5032.

MINUTES OF ALCTS SERIALS SECTION COMMITTEE TO STUDY SERIALS CATALOGING / Ann Vidor

Date & Time: MONDAY, JAN. 14, 1991, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Attending: Sylvia Martin (Chair), Dorothy Glasby (LC Liaison), Jean Altschuler, Jim Cole, Eleanor Cook, Mitch Turitz, Taemin Park, Elizabeth Steinhagen, and Ann Vidor.

Introductions and Announcements

Sylvia announced that committee member, Jim Cole, will be writing a column in Serials Review. The column will deal primarily with questions and answers related to serials cataloging.

Sylvia suggested that committee members who subscribe to the e-mail SERIALST might look for potential topics of discussion for this committee.

Sylvia asked about the need for two regular meetings next summer, and committee members felt that both Sunday

and Monday meetings should be scheduled in case there is a long agenda.

Sylvia reported that the committee was reviewed by the ALCTS Review Committee last year, and as a part of the review, the committee did a self-study. Three recommendations came out of this study:

1. To change the committee's charge to more accurately reflect its role. (Sylvia has not yet heard if this has been approved.)
2. To have a formal liaison between the Committee to Study Serials Cataloging and MARBI. There is currently a liaison from the Serials Section, but the person is not from our committee. (Again, Sylvia has not heard about this recommendation.)
3. To record and submit minutes to various publications such as Serials Review, Serials Librarian, and the ALCTS Newsletter. A brief discussion followed during which Dorothy Glasby asked if the Committee would want the minutes published in so many places. The committee agreed probably not, but the minutes might not be accepted by all the publications. Sylvia mentioned the NASIG Newsletter and Jim Cole suggested the CONSER Newsletter.

Report from LC (Dorothy Glasby)

Lucia Rather, Director of Cataloging at LC, is retiring at the end of January 1991.

LC is planning to reorganize as a result of three experimental projects in whole book cataloging during the past year and a half. The projects were: (1) Hispanic; (2) Education, Sports and Recreation; (3) Religion, Psychology and Philosophy. (The first and second groups included serials.)

The present Descriptive Cataloging, Shared Cataloging, and Subject Cataloging Divisions will become: (1) Arts and Sciences; (2) History and Literature; (3) Regional and Co-operative Programs; (4) Social Sciences. Within the new divisions, there will be teams made up of descriptive catalogers, subject catalogers, and technicians.

Much planning is going on to reorganize staff, arrearages and partially cataloged items in preparation for the whole book cataloging teams. Hopefully, this will be done no later than Summer 1991.

In the meantime, LC is actively recruiting for many new positions in cataloging areas. For the present, serials will not be handled by the new whole book teams. Serials will continue to be descriptively cataloged by the Serial Record Division where a whole serial experiment will be undertaken. Currently, a new serial goes from the Serial Record Division to the Dewey Office, Subject Cataloging Division, etc. The experiment will be

focused on handling all activities within the Serial Record Division.

LC has arrearages of approximately 40 million items. This includes photographs, manuscripts, pamphlets, etc., as well as printed books and serials.

According to Dorothy Glasby, "LC has the largest manual check-in file in the world!" LC has been working on developing an automated system, and the serials component will be part of LC's first phase of resystemization. It is hoped that within two to four years, part of the automated serials management system will be operational. In the meantime, LC does have an automated serial locator file which shows the entry LC uses to check in the title. (This entry appears in the 890 field on more recent MARC records.)

Multiple Versions

Mitch Turitz reported on the work of the Multiple Versions Task Force. The multiple versions proposal refers to a title having more than one version (e.g. fiche, film, and paper), and being able to use one bibliographic record with holdings for all versions.

The Task Force has decided to limit its discussions to reproductions and is working on a definition of reproduction.

Mitch briefly explained the difference between sequential versions and simultaneous

versions. (An example of a sequential version would be a GPO title which was first issued only in paper and later was published only in microfiche.) In the future, after the multiple version decisions have been implemented, the theory may be expanded to include simultaneous versions.

The Task Force will recommend relevant rules and data, and MARBI will decide on which tags to use. The Task Force met with MARBI, but much is still unresolved. An interim proposal received negative support.

Dorothy Glasby reported that LC's "interim" solution (not yet implemented) is using a full bibliographic record for each version and then linking them.

Mitch mentioned another issue which concerns the use of a GMD or S(Specific)MD or both.

Before ALA this summer, the Task Force hopes to have definitions, guidelines, and maybe some "how to" examples.

Report from CC:DA

Mitch Turitz, committee liaison to CC:DA, reported that there were numerous proposals and changes not related to serials.

The new Rule 25.5B needs changes made to examples so they will adhere to AACR2. Suggestions were made for changes to wording for adding qualifiers to uniform titles.

Dorothy Glasby reminded the committee that chapter 25 on uniform titles is optional, and LC does not follow all of its provisions. Other institutions may follow such provisions as needed for their own files.

Use of Ellipsis in the 362

Eleanor Cook introduced this issue, raised in a letter from Doris Ann Bradley last October.

The basic problem is that the CONSER Editing Guide illustrates the use of ellipsis in an example, but there is no rule interpretation to explain it.

245 Review of agriculture
in ... and outlook for ...
362 1982 ... 1983-

Dorothy Glasby said that for this title LC would probably use just 1982 in the 362. She stated that LC considers what date would be used for check-in when establishing a 362. She agreed with Eleanor that information should not exist in the editing guide before an LCRI is issued. Dorothy will go back to LC and draft an RI.

Examples should be sent to Dorothy so that she can use them for the RI.

Additional Discussion on Multiple Versions

Mitch Turitz explained that once the multiple version proposal has been adapted, the committee will need to discuss an LCRI for sequential versions.

Dorothy Glasby mentioned that if two records are not used, it would be difficult to include information about the second version. What about 007 and 300? An added problem for LC would be their use of different call numbers for microform and hardcopy.

Frank Sadowski (audience) reminded the group that if a title changes from paper to fiche, it is actually not in the multiple version category, but a version which has changed format.

Discussion followed on using one record, but how to do GMD? This question will be put on hold until the multiple version issue is more settled.

Uniform Titles

Jim Cole presented a paper which he had prepared for a previous meeting, summarizing the development of the uniform title for serials.

Question From the Audience

If a library subscribes to a CD-ROM product which includes some, but not all articles from a journal, what are the implications for cataloging and holdings?

A discussion followed on analytics, notes, etc. The question of how to report for union listing purposes was also raised.

Postponed Until the Next Meeting:

Agenda Item 7: Problems of merged serial records vis a vis

local holdings records and union lists at the local level.

ALCTS SERIALS SECTION ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE

At the 1991 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the Acquisitions Committee of the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) Serials Section announced progress on drafts of several documents of interest to the serials community.

The Guide for Handling Library Orders for Serials and Periodicals has been forwarded to the ALCTS Publications Committee for final approval. The Guide to Performance Evaluation of Serials Vendors is in its second draft; the Committee hopes to begin distribution to interested groups within ALA and the publisher/vendor industry for comment. An extensive glossary of serials and acquisitions terms and a bibliography on serials vendor performance evaluation are nearing completion; final drafts are planned for spring 1991. Questions concerning these manuscripts may be directed to Jana Lonberger, Chair, ALCTS Serials Section Acquisitions Committee, 2564 Wildflower Lane, Snellville, GA 30278, 404-894-4517. BITNET: JLONBERG@GTRI01.GAT ECH.EDU. The Committee is also planning a public forum at the 1991 ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta; further details will be announced at a later date.

WORST SERIAL TITLE CHANGE OF THE YEAR AWARDS / Karen Darling

Our first award this year is a congratulatory one, rather than our normal "oh what have they done to us this time" type of award. The "Save Our Heritage Award" goes to Educational Foundation for Nuclear Science for redesigning the logo and increasing the scope of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists without giving in to the temptation to choose a new name just to "sell better."

To the Daily Journal Corporation goes the "Arnold Becker Award" for changing the California Directory of Attorneys to California Attorneys and then to California Lawyers. We would like to know if we should engage this LA LA land lawyer to explain to us the difference between lawyers and attorneys.

The "Teenage Mutant Ninja Titles Award" goes to Elsevier for Mutation Research which has over the years mutated and multiplied. It has been producing offshoots for 15 years; the latest example being: Mutation Research; DNAgging.

The "Hands Across the Sea, or Merging is Such Sweet Sorrow Award" goes to the Royal Astronomical Society, the Deutsche Geophysikalische Gesellschaft, and the European Geophysical Society who merged their journals into one which they decided to call Geophysical Journal. But there was already a journal with that name, and its

publishers filed suit for the use of that unique title. Well, to make a long story even longer, the second Geophysical Journal rapidly backpedalled and changed its name (again) to Geophysical Journal of the RAS, DGG and EGS. That was in January 1989. It seems this wasn't quite catchy enough. So, in July 1989, they finally (we hope) got the unique and catchy name they wanted: Geophysical Journal International.

To Scholastic, Inc. goes the "To Teach or Not to Teach Award" for flip-flopping between the titles Instructor and Instructor and Teacher and Teacher since 1981 when Instructor merged with Teacher.

For causing unknown amounts of trauma to a serial title, Springer International is awarded the "Back to the Operating Room Award." Springer changed the Archives of Orthopaedic and Traumatic Surgery to Archives of Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery.

The "Worst Serial Title Change of the Year Award" goes to IEEE for changing the IEEE Journal of Robotics and Automation to IEEE Transactions on Robotics and Automation.

And finally, it is not very often that a publisher nominates itself for one of our awards. From the July/August 1989 American Libraries, "Referring to the necessary name change of the RTSD Newsletter, Muller said, 'I suspect we'll be

awarded the Worst Serial Title Change of the Year Award. They [serials librarians] wouldn't pass up an opportunity like this."

Well, Karen, you were almost correct. The "Snake in the Grass Award, or the Karen Muller Made Us Do It Award," is awarded to Karen Muller, ALCTS Director, for the title change from RTSD Newsletter to ALCTS Newsletter.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Head of Periodicals, Lane Medical Library, Stanford University Medical Center.

Provides overall coordination and supervision of Periodicals Dept. (2.8 FTE), including considerable involvement with MARC records, systems, and microcomputers. ALA-MLS or equiv. required. Job description/selection criteria available upon request. Rank: Asst/Assoc Librarian. Salary: \$31,272-\$36,000. Applications accepted through March 31, or until filled.

Send a letter detailing qualifications, resume, and names/addresses of 3 references to: Dick Miller, Systems Librarian and Head of Technical Services, Lane Medical Library, Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, CA 94305-5323. (415) 723-7939. EOE/AA.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 17, 1991 | - | NASIG Continuing Education Workshop
Columbus, OH |
| May 31-June 3, 1991 | - | Canadian Library Association Annual Meeting
Montreal, Quebec |
| May 31-June 6, 1991 | - | Medical Library Association Annual Meeting
San Francisco, CA |
| June 6-7, 1991 | - | ALCTS Business of Acquisitions Regional Institute
Boston, MA |
| June 8-13, 1991 | - | Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting
San Antonio, TX |
| June 14-17, 1991 | - | NASIG's 6th Annual Conference, Trinity University
San Antonio, TX |
| June 29-July 4, 1991 | - | ALA Annual Conference
Atlanta, GA |
| August 18-24, 1991 | - | IFLA Conference
Moscow, USSR |
| January 25-30, 1992 | - | ALA Midwinter Meeting
San Antonio, TX |

NASIG COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER FORM

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